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Forecasters monitor tropical system in Caribbean



Forecasters are keeping an eye out for a potential tropical storm in the Caribbean. Some computer models indicate the system could grow into the Atlantic seasons first named storm within days. The first name on the 2010 list in the Atlantic is "Alex."

One wave is currently creeping westward through the central Caribbean towards Hispaniola, located near Haiti, which will bring gusty, drenching thunderstorms today.

Although some coastal regions, and islands affected by the oil spill are said to be safe,

the odds of multiple tropical storms and hurricanes tracking over the oil spill and other locations are exceptionally high this year. The potential damage and destruction to coastal areas from wind and rough storms near the oil slick, will take this season to a whole new level.



A Mexico fan enjoys the atmosphere ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Group A match between Mexico and Uruguay at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium on June 22, 2010 in Rustenburg, South Africa.

Alleged drug lord Coke captured in Jamaica

Jamaican police said they captured alleged drug kingpin Christopher 'Dudus' Coke on the outskirts of Kingston yesterday.

Coke is wanted for extradition to the United States and at least 73 people were killed when Jamaican security forces stormed a Kingston slum during an attempt to capture him last month.

The government's attempts to arrest and extradite Coke to the United States on drugs and weapons charges in May led to a violent clash in West Kingston that resulted in the deaths of at least 73 civilians and gang members and three security officers.

Despite a bounty and the nationwide search for the gang leader, who has strong ties to the ruling Jamaican Labour Party, he had managed to elude capture.

The Gleaner said that the Rev. Al Miller, who previously managed to negotiate the surrender of Coke's sister and brother, helped bring him into custody.

Calls to the Jamaican In-



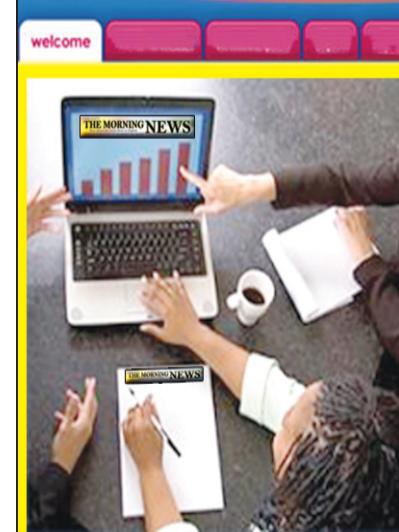
Christopher 'Dudus' Coke
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immediately returned.

To the U.S. government, Christopher "Dudus" Coke is Jamaica's Al Capone. But for many Jamaicans, he's more like Robin Hood-and he's also a player in the local music business.

After the U.S. government issued an extradition order for Coke on Aug. 25, 2009, over alleged drugs and arms trafficking offenses committed in the United States, a number of reggae artists headed into recording studios to voice their opinions on the man known in Kingston as "the President."

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Hundreds missing, over 40 dead in Brazil floods

RIO DE JANEIRO – Torrents of flood water devastated towns and villages in north-eastern Brazil, killing at least 42 people and leaving more than 600 missing, emergency officials said yesterday.

Days of heavy rain in the states of Alagoas and Pernambuco flooded towns, burst a river dam, and left more than 40,000 people without shelter, state officials said.

At least 29 people were killed in Alagoas and 607 were missing. About 500 of those missing were in the area of Uniao de Palmeiras, which was hit by a wall of water after a dam gave in under the weight of the floods.

"Unfortunately, some towns have been nearly 100 percent

destroyed, basically wiped off the map," Sandro Cavalcante, a spokesman for the Alagoas state Civil Defense agency, said.

In Pernambuco, to the north of Alagoas, 13 people were killed and nearly 18,000 people were made homeless, the national Civil Defense agency said. Alagoas had nearly 26,000 people without shelter.

Images from Globo Television showed whole towns flattened by the raging waters. Overturned cars lay among debris of hundreds of shattered houses and railway tracks were torn apart by the force of the water.

"There are towns that look like an atomic bomb was dropped on them," the gover-

nor of Alagoas, Teotonio Vilela Filho, was quoted as saying by the O Globo newspaper.

"We are praying that they are alive," the governor said of the missing people. "We are worried because bodies have started to wash ashore."

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva held an emergency meeting yesterday with federal and state officials to determine the aid and rescue resources needed and was due to fly over the affected areas today.

The federal government said it would allocate 100 million reais (\$56 million) for relief efforts and send 20,000 baskets of basic food supplies to the two states, as well as mattresses and blankets for the thousands of homeless.

The Netherlands submarine to join Somalia anti-pirate force

The Netherlands has agreed to a Nato request to deploy a submarine off the coast of Somalia to combat piracy.

The Dutch ministry of defence said the submarine will join the Nato-led international flotilla off East Africa.

It will be used for reconnaissance in the vast area from the Gulf of Aden deep into the Indian Ocean where Somali pirates have been hijacking commercial vessels for ransom.

The Gulf of Aden is one of the busiest shipping routes in the world.

"The Netherlands will deploy a submarine from the end of September to the end of November," the Dutch

ministry of defence said.

In March, Nato extended its Ocean Shield anti-piracy mission until the end of 2012.

The EU has an anti-piracy mission in the same region, Navfor, which is also tasked with protecting World Food Programme ships carrying food aid to Somalia.

Pirates have in the past succeeded in collecting multi-million-dollar ransoms and the head of the Navfor says there has been an upsurge in attacks recently after a period of relative calm.

The Kenyan foreign minister estimates pirates received \$150m in ransom payments in 2009.

With warships patrolling

along the Somali coast, the pirates have started to operate further away and have even staged some attacks across the Indian Ocean, closer to India than Somalia.

Efforts to fight piracy are complicated by the lack of a functioning central government in Somalia and the lack of an international legal system for people accused of piracy.

It is up to individual governments to put suspected pirates on trial if they are captured.

Last week a Dutch court sentenced five Somali men to five years in prison for attacking a Dutch Antilles-flagged cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden last year, in the first such case to come to trial in Europe.

Other Somali piracy suspects are being held in France, Spain, Germany and the US.

Kenya, which holds more than 100 alleged pirates, has convicted 18 since 2007.

Court blocks Obama ban on deepwater drilling

NEW ORLEANS/WASHINGTON – A U.S. judge yesterday blocked the Obama administration's ban on deepwater drilling, complicating its efforts to improve the safety of offshore oil operations after the worst spill in U.S. history.

The White House said it would immediately appeal the judge's ruling, issued in New Orleans. Oil companies involved in offshore drilling operations had challenged the government's six-month moratorium.

A new poll found that most Americans still support offshore drilling, despite watching a huge slick from BP Plc's Gulf of Mexico oil spill devastate fragile wetlands and communities along the U.S. Gulf coast.

The 64-day-old disaster has shattered investor confidence in BP, which has seen its stock price slashed in half since the start of the crisis. The British energy giant's London share price tumbled to its lowest level in 13 years yesterday.

After the BP well ruptured on April 20, spewing millions of gallons of crude, President Barack Obama imposed the ban on deep-sea drilling while

officials checked that other wells were operating safely.

In granting a request by more than a dozen oil services companies for the ban to be overturned, Judge Martin Feldman challenged its "immense scope." He said the firms would likely succeed in showing that it was "arbitrary and capricious."

The Interior Department, which oversees offshore drilling, said despite the ruling, the firms still had to meet new safety and environmental rules before they could resume operations.

Expanding offshore drilling was part of Obama's proposals to revamp U.S. energy policy. He hoped it would generate support from opposition Republicans for more controversial aspects of his plans to fight climate change.

But he shelved that plan after the spill and White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama believed that "continuing to drill at these depths without knowing what happened does not make any sense."

The administration will probably ask for a stay of the court ruling as it pursues its appeal.

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Aruba National Library offers the course 'Prepare for Retirement" for 60-plussers

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba National library is offering a course for the 60-plussers called 'Retirement, another road in the way of life.' The course is for retirees and those about to retire. The course will help 60-plussers prepare for the new phase in their life and to adjust to it in the best way possible.

Together they will look at the possibilities for retirees and the emotional obstacles each one encounters in life. Other themes will also be discussed

Duration of the course is eight (8) weeks and the themes are 'Opportunity and Obstacles,' 'Mourning Process,' 'Creativity' (singing, dance and theater), 'Laugh Therapy,' 'Memory Optimizing,' games and how to handle your budget. There is also the opportunity for discussions and to talk about other ideas

brought forward by attendees.

The course will be given in Papiamento and/or Dutch. The courses start on Tuesday, July 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sala Diamante at the National Library in Oranjestad. Course instructor is Mrs Fejite Zijlstra, Okido Psychosociotherapist/life-coach.

The courses are an initiative of the Aruba National Library, Aruba's center for knowledge and information. It offers different kind of information and organizes different activities the whole year round.

For more information regarding inscription and expenses readers may call the National Library at tel. 582-1580 ext. 259. Or contact Gina at g.jie-sam-foek@bibliotecanacional.aw . Inscription is this week, before June 29, 2010.



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Online shopping now easier than ever Aeropost officially opens its doors on Aruba

Last Saturday, the innovative e-commerce business, Aeropost, opened its doors on Aruba, at the L.G.Smith Boulevard between Wendy's and Digicel. The community of Aruba can now buy online and Aeropost will deliver their product to their door.

Aeropost started 23 years ago in Costa Rica. Their clients placed their orders and Aeropost submitted it by telephone to the U.S. After processing the order the products were send to Miami, where they were then shipped to Costa Rica. Upon arrival Aeropost delivered the products to the clients.

After the introduction of the internet, businesses saw the opportunity to get to more clients, worldwide. Thus emerged companies like www.amazon.com, which grew very fast, becoming one of the most successful online businesses in the world.

Aeropost did not stay behind and expanded its services and businesses to various countries, offering buying and delivering services thru the "world wide web" platform

Nowadays, Aeropost International Services, Inc. is a Miami based company with over 20 years of experience in the mail and package forwarding business. Their Miami Hub in conjunction with partners throughout Latin America and the Caribbean allows them to provide end to end service for the members of their network to receive their packages, internet purchases, mail, and logistics services.

Aeropost now also offers the community of Aruba the opportunity to buy online at very attractive prices, and receive their order in record time. To become a member is easy. Just apply for a membership ticket free of charge, buy online and send the order to the Aeropost address in Miami. By consolidating your order with other Aruban clients, the company can apply lower freight charges than what the market charges. Once the products arrive, you can either fetch your order at the Aeropost office or request for it to be delivered at your house or office.

In order to buy, clients must charge their Aeropost card, thru MasterCard, ac-



cessing Aeropost to buy and make deliveries at its warehouse in Miami. Aeropost ships products to Aruba twice a week. The benefit of buying online is that the delivery and freight charges are included, so there are no surprise charges when the order arrives here. And there are no limits; you can order clothing, books, electronic devices, etc.

At the opening ceremony Aeropost, Richard 'Gigi' Helder thanked everyone for their support. He elaborated on how he opened Fast Delivery seven years ago and how, with hard work and perseverance, his company grew and now he's able to offer his

clients the services of Aeropost.

Present at the opening ceremonies were President and CEO of Aeropost International Services, Inc., James Fendell, Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, who effected the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and other island dignitaries. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar congratulated Mr. Helder for his perseverance and discipline; a good example of entrepreneurship. She stated her conviction that Aruba has the market for e-commerce.

Photos show the ribbon-cutting ceremony and invitees at the opening ceremony.

Caracas travel agents visit Aruba



Recently, a group of Venezuelan travel agents, on the invitation of the Aruba tourism Authority (ATA), visited Aruba. They came for a familiarization tour to inspect the hotels they represent in Venezuela and to meet with the management of each hotel. ATA associate Ricardo Croes did the honors as host, and coordinated a very interesting program for their stay on the island. The group stayed at the Brickell Bay Resort, which received high marks for its services. ATA would like to thank Mrs. Irene Perez of Red Sail Sports, who invited the group for a snorkeling trip. Photo shows ATA's Ricardo Croes together with the group before going on their snorkeling trip



McQueen's ashes scattered in Scotland

NEW YORK CITY -- Alexander McQueen's family says the ashes of the late British fashion designer have been scattered on the Isle of Skye off Scotland's west coast.

McQueen hanged himself in his London flat last February on the eve of his mother's funeral. He was 40.

A statement from the late

celebrity's family said McQueen's remains were laid to rest May 29, the New York Post reported.

"Lee cherished the times that he was able to spend on the Isle of Skye -- he enjoyed the beauty, peace and tranquility," his family said. "It was Lee's final request that his ashes should be buried at Kilmuir."

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World Cup 'ambush marketing' charges against dutch women dropped

South African prosecutors have dropped charges against two Dutch women, arrested over an alleged "ambush marketing" stunt at a World Cup match.

Thirty-six women, wearing identical skimpy mini-dresses in Dutch orange sold as part of a gift pack by Dutch brewer Bavaria Beer, were ejected from Johannesburg's Soccer City stadium during the Netherlands-Denmark match last Monday.

Two of the alleged organizers, charged with merchandising offenses, were freed by a Johannesburg court on 10,000-rand (\$1,300) bail two days later. They were also required to surrender their passports.

They were accused of violating the Merchandise Marks Act, which is being used to protect FIFA's commercial interests during the World Cup.

Official sponsor Budweiser is the only beer company allowed to advertise within FIFA venues.

South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga said the charges were dropped after FIFA indicated that they had no interest in proceeding with the matter. "They reached an agreement with Bavaria Beer company," he added.

Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen had called the arrests "outrageous," saying any legal action should be directed against the company rather than the women.

The case has already led to the sacking of English football commentator and former footballer Robbie Earle, who was found to have passed on some of the tickets used by the women from his quota.

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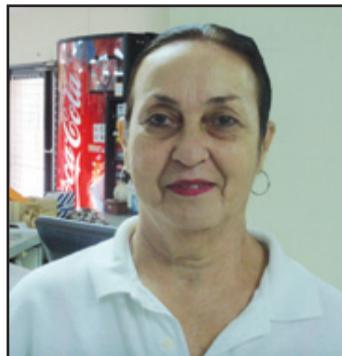


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Savaneta Do It Best General Store team announced



Julia

Kenneth and Frans Ponson recently announced the team that will be in charge of the floor at the new Do It Best General Store. The new store opens to the public on Saturday, June 26th.

The small but highly effective team consists of professionals in an array of fields, who will be ready to assist you in fulfilling your



Randy

every need, when visiting the new Do It Best General Store. With a number of years of experience among them, we can assure you an unsurpassed shopping experience, a General Store representative said.

Julia de Cuba will be merchandising house wares. Julia has been with the General Store Family for 10 years



Roderick

now and has worked in merchandising and cashiering. Julia's ability to identify and thorough knowledge of products that will make your daily routine run smoothly, is the reason why she has been assigned the house wares section.

Randy Daniels, an 8 year staff member, will be responsible for fasteners, tools and pumps. Randy brings his ex-



Inocencio

perience as a carpenter and builder to the table in this position. His knowledge of the product-line and its use is unsurpassed by none. Before joining the General Store Family, Randy was an independent contractor who worked for large organizations such as the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. Now Randy makes his expertise in these fields available to the valued customers of Do It Best General Store. He will be able to guide you in the right direction for all your hardware and tools needs.

Rodrick Kock, is our in-house expert on everything plumbing and electrical. Do you need assistance or a recommendation for your plumbing and/or electrical woes? Rodrick is the answer to your need. Rodrick has extensive experience in these fields. Because of his dedication and eagerness to learn new things every day, he has succeeded in securing this position. Now he brings this enthusiasm to the Do It Best General Store in Savaneta and is waiting for you, his customer, to offer his knowledge and best service.

Jury Geerman will be in charge of all items concerning gardening, sports, pool and car. In addition to this she will also be able to steer you in the right direction, where house wares is concerned and is the "master" key-maker. Together with Julia, she makes-up the "dynamic duo" in the house wares section.

"Our Garden Center, unique to the area, with a huge selection of garden items, plants and pottery is the right "domain" for Jury. Her strong enthusiasm in gardening comes afloat, whenever you ask a question about this topic. Jury's motto is: giving excellent service to customers.

Inocencio van der Linde is taking the paint, glue and sealant department under his



Liliana

wing. Inocencio was also born and raised in Savaneta, so he is a familiar face in the new Do It Best General Store in Savaneta. You must come see Inocencio, should you need anything from paint, to glue or sealant. With years of experience in hardware store service, Inocencio was able to gain all the necessary knowledge needed for this position. He is very service minded and eager to serve you in a professional manner, this is the reason the choice was made to put Inocencio in this position.

The choice of personnel at the new Do It Best General Store in Savaneta was a process that was undertaken when the decision was made to create the new concept for Savaneta as is this new location. Hundreds of applicants showed up for the call for personnel, when we only had a few positions available to fill. We were placed in the enviable position to have our "pick of the litter" so to say, and we are confident that the choice we made is for a "winning team".

With the expansion of the existing small store in Savaneta to the new and improved Do It Best General Store, the Owners have shortened the distance to and made accessible to all you may need for your home and hardware requirements, considerably. It is all within driving distance to the cities of San Nicolaas, Brazil and just around the block from the people in Savaneta.

"We welcome you to the new Do It Best General Store in Savaneta. Official Opening is on Friday, June 25th, 2010 with live music, starting at 18:00 and the store is open to the public on Saturday, June 26th, 2010, from 08:00 am with full day of activities for the entire family. The festivities starts at 10:00 am and will continue through to 16:00. This is an event you cannot miss !!

Meet Savaneta Do It Best General Store Management Team



Frida

The Management Team at Savaneta will be headed by Hal Williams, a veteran in the service industry with vast experience in all aspects of Operations. Hal will be assisted by a team of 2 dynamic staffers, who together will be at the helm of the newly reopened Do It Best General Store in Savaneta. Leading the team with Hal will be Frida Heyliger Store Assistant Manager and Swinda Ruiz-Tromp as Assistant Head Administrator. Frida has been with General Store for ten years, while Swinda has been with General Store Family for 7 years.

Frida Heyliger started with General Store at the Dakota outlet when it first opened and over the years has worked herself up to this new challenging position, by working every position in Dakota (where she has greatly expanded her knowledge of the electrical field) Camacuri and most recently



Swinda

came to General Store and has been a part of the General Store family ever since. Swinda will be offering her accounting expertise to the management in Savaneta and will be a great asset to the new Do It Best General Store. The Savaneta Team which will greatly benefit from her experience. Swinda's knowledge and agility in all areas of the accounting field was the trigger that set this promotion in gear. Undoubtedly an asset to this newly formed Team.

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KILLERS - Act/Adv: Spencer Aimes is just your average, undercover, government-hired super-assassin accustomed to a life of exotic European locales, flashy sports cars and even flashier women. But when he meets Jen Kornfeldt, he finds true love and happily trades for domestic bliss.... that is, until the morning after Spencer's 30th birthday. That's when Spencer and Jen learn he's the target of a multi-million dollar hit.

Reports:
Google Working on Fee-Based News, Music Services

Google is developing services to let consumers pay for access to news articles and songs through individual purchases and subscriptions, according to various news reports.

The system to access fee-based news articles is called Newspass and would give people a single log-in and payment account to access the "paywalls" of multiple publications, according to the reports, which were triggered by an article last week in Italy's La Repubblica newspaper.

The move is seen as an olive branch for the publishing industry from Google, which many news organizations blame for the revenue crisis their publications have faced in recent years. Google has been accused of using third-party news content to build traffic for its search engines, specifically its Google News service. Google counters that it only serves up headlines, short text blurbs and thumbnail pictures on its pages, and that it always links them to articles in the original publishers' Web sites.

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal is reported on Tuesday that Google will launch a music download service later this year, and add a subscription option to it next year.

The music service would be tied to Google's search engine, thus building on Google's existing music search features, which let people play back songs right from Google's search results page through partnerships with online music providers.

Google's music service would also be designed to work with mobile phones that run the company's Android OS, according to the Journal.

Google didn't immediately respond to requests seeking comment about Newspass and the music service.



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Science/Tech.

To get a date, music makes a difference



MORBIHAN, France -- Men who want to ask women on a date increase their odds if a love ballad is playing in the background, researchers in France found.

Nicolas Gueguen and Celine Jacob of the Universite de Bretagne-Sud, along with Lubomir Lamy of Universite de Paris-Sud, set up a study in which 87 young women each spent time in a waiting

room with background music playing either a love ballad or a neutral tune.

During a delay, before the female study subject was to move into another room -- ostensibly to discuss food products -- an "average" young man said:

"My name is Antoine, as you know, I think you are very nice and I was wondering if you would give me your phone number. I'll phone you later and we can have a drink together somewhere next week."

The study, published in the journal Psychology of Music, found 52 percent of the single young women responded to Antoine's advances under the influence of the love ballad, while 28 percent responded under the influence of the neutral song.

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HEALTH & LIVING

Female anti-rape condom has 'teeth'



The female anti-rape condom

CAPE TOWN, South Africa -- A physician in South Africa says she has designed an anti-rape condom "with teeth" for women to insert, which latches itself to the skin of the attacker.

Dr. Sonnet Ehlers says the Rape-aXe is a latex female condom, which a woman in-

serts like a tampon. If the woman is raped, it latches itself to the skin of the attacker during penetration, causing immense discomfort to allow the victim to escape.

"The attacker is 'branded' a rapist! Since the attacker will need medical assistance to remove the Rape-aXe, there is no escaping arrest since medical staff will alert the authorities," Ehlers says on her Web site www.anti-rape.co.za.

"The penis will be encapsulated and the tines, ('the teeth') are so small there will hardly be blood that can spill because it is in a capsule."

However, Ehlers says the Rape-aXe will not cause physical damage to the rapist, but he will have tell-tale scars.

Because of the design of the female anti-rape condom cannot turn itself inside out, harming the woman, Ehlers adds.

Risk of becoming dependent on drugs

Numerous myths perpetuate the belief that many drugs are instantly addictive and that the likelihood of becoming abstinent again is virtually zero.

There is no scientific information to support these beliefs. An American author, Stephen Stahl (2008), published some data on the probability of becoming dependent on a drug when it has been used once. His findings were as follows:

Percentage of people becoming dependent

Tobacco	32%
Heroin	23%
Cocaine	17%
Alcohol	15%
Stimulants	11%
Anxiolytics	9%
Cannabis	9%
Analgesics	8%
Inhalants	4%

Other studies have shown that:

the risk of dagga dependence is 8% in the ten years

from the first use.

the risk of becoming alcohol dependent ranges between 12% and 13% in the ten years from the first use.

the risk of becoming cocaine dependent is 15% to 16% in the ten years after first use. (Interestingly, 5% to 6% of the cocaine users actually became dependent within one year of using it for the first time.)

the risk of becoming nicotine dependent relates directly to daily cigarette use. It is mostly young adults who become nicotine dependent, although the risk continues into mid-life.

early-onset daily smokers have a seven times higher risk of becoming alcohol dependent, and an 11 times higher risk of becoming dependent on illegal drugs.

the highest risk of starting drugs and becoming dependent on them is in late adolescence and the early twenties.

the risk of becoming dependent on alcohol remains high throughout life.

Health tip: Keep Baby Safe With a Pacifier

A pacifier is a relatively safe device for babies, but it should still be used properly to avoid potential problems.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions for pacifier use:

- * Never offer your baby the nipple and top from a baby bottle in place of a pacifier, as it poses a choking hazard.
- * Buy pacifiers that can't be separated or disassembled. Solid plastic pacifiers are especially safe choices.
- * The widest part of the pacifier should be at least 1 1/2 inches wide so it can't fit in baby's mouth. It also should have ventilation holes.
- * Don't tie your baby's pacifier to the baby or the infant's crib.
- * Examine pacifiers regularly to see if the rubber is deteriorating, tearing or changing color. Replace when it shows signs of wear.
- * Don't use a pacifier designed for a younger baby, who has a smaller mouth.

Shopping Palm Beach Plaza



Palm Beach, Aruba

Is a city northwest of Oranjestad, capital of Aruba, and is home to the high rise hotels and a new shopping district. The renowned two-mile-long strip known as Palm Beach is home to glamorous high-rise hotels and dotted by water sports concessions, piers, beach bars, restaurants and shops. Calm waters make this a comfortable haven for swimmers and snorkelers. A walk along the coast at dawn or sunset is perfect for exercise and quiet reflection.

Multiple time-share ownership and full-time ownership condos have been or are being built in the area as well.



More than just shopping...



The celebration of 'San Juan' and 'Dera Gai'



Saint John day.
Aruba celebrates San Juan (Saint John's Day) in a unique way. San Juan festivities in the early times had to do more with superstition.

Mainly because the natives believed in spirits and several Gods, and they were very afraid of them. In order to be in the good grace of the Gods and spirits, they had to make several offerings.

One of these was for the harvest. The purpose of the festival of harvest was to thank the many Gods for the good harvest year and to request them to bless the harvests for the following year.

In early times, after harvesting, cunukeronan (coo-noo-ker-o-nan, Aruban farmers) stored the trunks of the several plants like corn and other types of wood, so that they could be burned on San Juan. The farmers would then burn the woods, on the night before San Juan as well as throughout the day. Fire means purification and it scares away bad luck resulting in a better harvest the following year.

During the festivities, there were several games like jumping over fire, typical dances, singing, stories and joked being told, all this done around the fire. This festivity was something big on Aruba - it was a holiday. In the past, on June 23rd workers were given the afternoon off and the June 24 the whole day. The festivities start when the night arrives on San Juan's Eve.

The tradition to bury a living rooster (dera = bury and gai = rooster) was very com-

mon in those days. Nowadays it is obviously unthinkable to do such a thing.

Every town had its own festivity. The most important dance was where a rooster is buried leaving only its head above the ground. Over the years this has been replaced with a calabash gourd, and nowadays a synthetic rooster is placed above the ground. A man is then selected from the crowd and is blindfolded. He is then asked to kill the rooster by hitting its head real hard with a stick.

After the incorporation of San Juan, they expanded the tradition, where now men named Juan have preference over the others. The man is spun around so that he gets disoriented and no longer knows the exact location of the rooster. Then with a corn stick, he has to hit the rooster's head. He has three chances, and if he misses another man gets a chance. An experienced dancer is guided by the wind and uses his foot to feel the ground in search of the rooster, because as a rule you are not to feel the ground with the stick.

During these festivities, women are dressed with long yellow dresses and yellow hair holders dancing in a choreographed manner. The musicians are dressed in yellow or red with a colorful band tightened on their hips. The instruments used consist mostly of drums and other noisemaker devices. While the music plays, the dancer has to hit the rooster, but the stick is not to touch the ground, or he loses his turn. This is done to symbolize the three times the rooster sang when Saint Peter lied about not knowing Jesus, according to the Bible. It is said that Aruba is the only country in the world that celebrates it with song and dance.

In Santa Cruz a century ago they changed the celebration a bit. They do not use a live rooster anymore, but instead changed it to one flag of various colors; red, white, blue and green, and a yellow flag with red border. These flags are then placed on a table. They also allow multiple participants, while blindfolded, to try and grab a flag once the signal is given. The one that grabs the yellow flag wins.

Up to this day, Dera Gai is still celebrated in every town. Needless to say that the fire department has their hands very full putting out some of the fires that get out of hand ...

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Peru replaces Colombia as top coca producer



Peru has overtaken Colombia as the main producer of coca leaf, the raw material for making cocaine, the UN says.

More than 45% of the world's coca crop now comes from Peru, according to a report by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC).

A steady fall in production in Colombia showed the government's anti-drug policies were succeeding, it said.

Colombia now accounts for 39% of the world coca crop.

There was little change in the scale of cultivation in Bolivia, the third biggest producer, which accounts for 15% of world production.

Coca cultivation in Colombia fell by 16% in 2009 to 68,000 hectares, a decline of almost 60% since the peak of a decade ago, according to UNDOC estimates.

"The drug control policies adopted by the Colombian government over the past few years - combining security and development - are paying off," said UNDOC executive director Antonio Maria Costa.

Outgoing Colombian President Alvaro Uribe made the fight against drug production and left-wing rebels who are funded by the drug trade a cornerstone of his government.

The offensive has been supported by the US, which has given billions of dollars

in mostly military aid under a programme called Plan Colombia.

The Colombian government has hailed the UN figures as a vindication of its approach.

Coca leaf has been grown in the Andes for centuries. "This success is thanks to the democratic security policy and its integral approach to the fight against drugs, including manual eradication and aerial spraying of coca crops," a statement said.

"The sustained efforts of the Colombian authorities have led to a significant reduction in the global supply of cocaine," it added.

But the UN figures show production has been shifting to Peru, which produced 119,000 tons of coca leaf in 2009 compared to 103,000 tons in Colombia.

Coca cultivation in Peru has increased by 55% over the past decade, UNDOC says, though this year's total is still half what it was two decades ago.

Peru was the world's biggest coca producer until the mid-1990s, when production shifted to Colombia as the security situation in Peru improved.

Critics of the US-led drugs control policy say the ability of traffickers to transfer their operations from one country to another shows the futility of the war on drugs.

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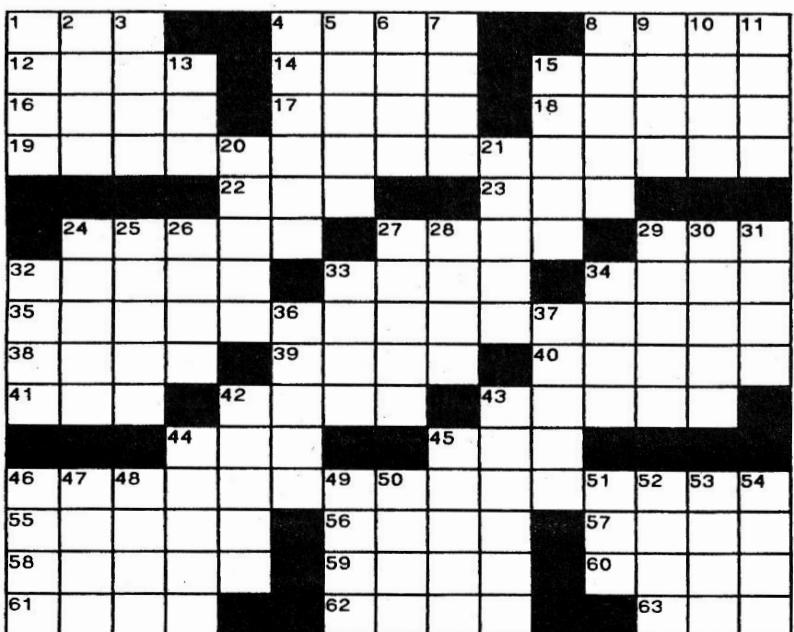
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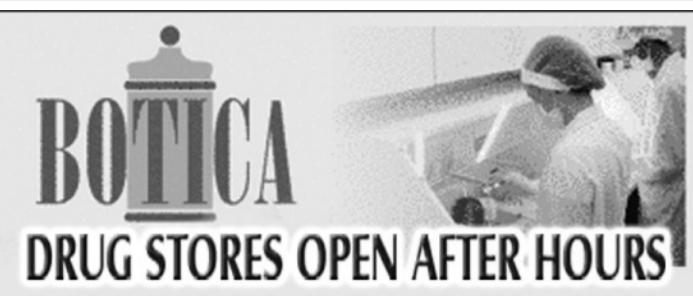


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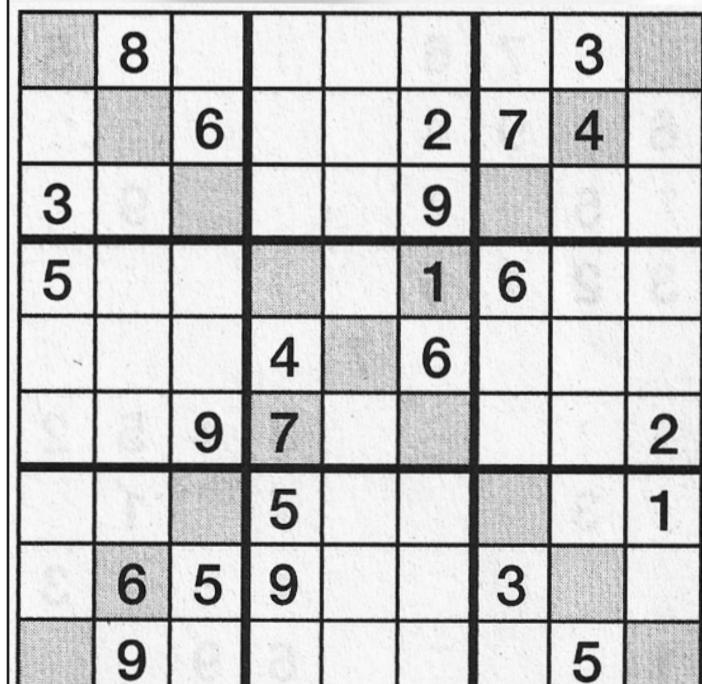
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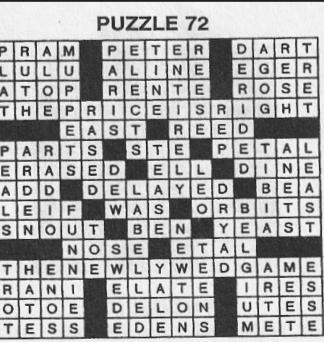
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YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



NEW YORK – Stocks fell more than 1 percent in yet another late-day selloff yesterday as unexpectedly poor housing figures and the puncture of a key technical level sapped buying interest.

Stocks marked time in a thinly traded session until the S&P 500 fell through its 200-day moving average, which had been a basis of support in the last few days.

Homebuilders' shares fell after the National Association of Realtors reported sales of existing homes unexpectedly fell in May in the latest of a series of weak economic releases.

D.R. Horton Inc (DHI.N) fell 2.9 percent to \$10.24 while luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers (TOL.N) was off 2.9 percent at \$17.11. The

Canada inks Colombia trade deal, boost for oil firms

CARTAGENA Colombia, - Canada's Senate has approved a free trade deal with Colombia, the Latin American country's energy minister said yesterday, adding it was good news for Canadian explorers bidding for oil blocks.

South America's No. 4 oil producer is auctioning off more than 200 exploration and production blocks in a move that could double its crude oil reserves and draw hundreds of millions of dollars of investment into an al-

ready booming sector.

"I have some good news for our Canadian friends. The Senate has just approved a free trade agreement ... so that opens the way for a lot of opportunities and our government is very happy about that," Energy and Mining Minister Hernan Martinez said at the auction in the coastal city of Cartagena.

He gave no further details of the agreement.

Investment in the Andean nation's oil and mining sec-

tors has nearly quintupled since President Alvaro Uribe took power in 2002, driving rebels out of resource-rich regions and attracting foreign capital with pro-investment policies.

Bogota is offering three types of blocks: already explored and producing areas, newly prospective basins, and acreage in largely unexplored areas to foreign and local companies eager to tap the Andean nation's black gold.

Europeans act alone on bank tax before G20

PARIS/BERLIN – Germany, France and Britain announced plans yesterday to introduce a bank levy to help meet the costs of the financial crisis, without waiting for a G20 summit this week, underscoring a rift with key partners.

A joint statement said the three biggest European economies were "committed to the full implementation of the ambitious G20 financial sector reform agenda," but the timing of the tax move suggested the Europeans have low hopes of any global deal.

G20 finance ministers dropped the idea of a common levy this month due to Canadian and Japanese resistance. But European Union leaders, under pressure to justify austerity measures to their voters, renewed a call for international action last week.

Britain's new center-right government included a bank

tax in yesterday's austere emergency budget, aimed at slashing a giant deficit and swollen public debt built up rescuing teetering banks and fighting the deepest recession since World War Two.

Finance minister George Osborne announced a two-year public sector pay freeze, a big increase in value-added tax on goods and services, a 25 percent cut in most ministries' spending over four years and measures to curb welfare costs.

The planned spending cuts were the toughest in a generation, prompting economist Howard Archer of IHS Global Insight to call it "a pretty eye-watering package."

On the other side of the globe, Japan announced ambitious targets to rein in its debt, with new Prime Minister Naoto Kan making clear the government would have to

push through contentious tax increases to fill deep fiscal gaps.

Kan said the example of Greece, whose debt crisis has undermined confidence in the euro zone and forced other European states to adopt austerity measures, showed how markets had become more wary of public debt and sovereign risk.

Germany said it would put a bank tax bill to the cabinet in summer and France said it would present details of its bank levy in the 2011 budget, due to go to parliament in the autumn.

Canada, the G20's host, appeared to soften its stance on the bank levy yesterday. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in a newspaper interview: "I really want to see the G20 agree on how to go forward. It is important that we try to be collegial."

Market ends down on housing data and technicals

Morgan Stanley housing index (.HGX) slumped 2.6 percent.

"This tells you how weak demand is, and that creates a lot of uncertainty about where the economy is going," said James Meyer, chief investment officer at Tower Bridge Advisors in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) dropped 148.96 points, or 1.43 percent, to 10,293.45. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (.SPX) fell 17.86 points, or 1.60 percent, to 1,095.34. The Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) lost 27.29 points, or 1.19 percent, to 2,261.80.

The S&P 500 ended below 1111.33, the 200-day moving average.

Energy companies also

numbered among the decliners amid worries about regulation. Oil drillers briefly spiked after a U.S. judge ruled against a six-month moratorium imposed by the White House on deepwater drilling, but the Obama administration said it will immediately appeal, and the sector fell.

Cabot Oil & Gas Corp (COG.N) shares dropped 6.2 percent to \$33.70 and the S&P energy sector (.GSPE) fell 1.3 percent.

"The markets aren't going to like the uncertainty that the back-and-forth between the courts and the administration creates," said Joe Saluzzi, co-manager of trading at Themis Trading in Chatham, New Jersey.

On the upside, Apple Inc

(AAPL.O) rose 1.3 percent to \$273.56 on news it had sold 3 million iPads since the product's April launch. In addition, at least two brokerages raised their price targets on the tech bellwether.

CURRENCY



Curtsy and bow--Wimbledon stars work on etiquette



LONDON, England -- Andy Murray is not sure whether to bow or not but Serena Williams is taking no chances -- she is busy practicing her curtsy.

For Queen Elizabeth, whose favorite sport has always been horse racing, is coming to the world's most famous tennis tournament for the first time in 33 years.

She never misses Royal Ascot's annual festival of top-class racing. But she has not been to Wimbledon since her Silver Jubilee year in 1977 when Britain's Virginia Wade won the women's singles.

Current titleholder Serena Williams, who hopes to be playing in front of the Queen tomorrow if the draw works out, said "Wow, this is really, really cool."

"I've been working on my curtsy. It's a little extreme so I am going to have to tone it down," she said.

Murray is not quite sure what the etiquette will be.

"I don't want to be bowing and the person I'm playing with walks straight past or the other way round. You obviously need to have an agreement before you go on," he said.

Wade reckons the royal presence will help to energize the Scot and really fire up his game which has tapered off since he reached the Australian Grand Slam final in January.

Last year, when Murray be-

came the first Briton in 71 years to land the pre-Wimbledon tournament at Queens, the monarch sent him a note of congratulations.

Britain, which invented the game of tennis and hosts its most glamorous tournament, has not enjoyed success at Wimbledon in the men's singles since the glory days of Fred Perry way back in the 1930s.

BBC commentator Max Robertson was beside himself with excitement after Wade's victory: "Virginia Wade has won the centenary title with the Queen watching her. Virginia will be taking tea with the Queen."

Organizers are hoping -- shocks permitting -- that Queen Elizabeth will get to watch both Murray and Williams when she takes her seat in the royal box tomorrow.

But if Murray fulfills the sporting dreams of a nation, she will not be able to return next week for the final -- she and Prince Philip will be on a state visit to Canada.

Records show that the first royal visit to Wimbledon came in 1895 when Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria came to watch the men's doubles.

Before his accession, George VI even competed in the men's doubles at the 1926 championships. He and Commander Louis Greig were easily defeated in the first round. Their opponents were spared a trip to the Tower of London.

Princess Diana was lucky enough to attend the nail-biting 1981 final between arch rivals John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg.

But perhaps the most memorable royal moment was offered by the Duchess of Kent in 1993. At the prize-giving, she comforted losing finalist Jana Novotna who broke down and sobbed on her shoulders after her defeat.

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One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" -- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

Two local TV personalities were caught enjoying lunch at The Queen's. They declared, after several visits, they judged the food to be "excellent," and particularly recommended Grandma's secret recipe. We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena" -- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the water at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare. We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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Kissing politician wins underwear from fans



Charles Zevallos



Tom Jones

LIMA, Peru – Charles Zevallos, a politician in Peru's Amazon basin, often wins kisses from female supporters, but things have moved to a whole new level as women at his rallies have started throwing their underwear at him.

Zevallos, a candidate for mayor in the province of Maynas, has made a tradition of giving fans, watches or soccer balls at his rallies in exchange for women's kisses.

But in the past few days, some supporters have taken off their underpants and tossed them to him during rallies for his progressive party, 1000 Movimiento Integracion Loretana.

Zevallos has downplayed any resemblance to Tom Jones,

the Welsh crooner who for years was showered with women's panties while performing at pop music concerts.

Commentators in Peru's capital of Lima, 990 miles from Maynas, said the underwear throwing was proof that politics in the Andean country had reached a new low.

"It was spontaneous, I did not ask for them, but then I saw a pair of yellow ones, and then another woman threw another pair at me," Zevallos said.

He said he cannot be blamed for having zealous supporters.

"I don't know if this will stop, it's really crazy here right now. The people love me," Zevallos said.

Archaeologists find oldest paintings of apostles



A restorer uses a laser to reveal an image that Vatican archaeologists believe is the oldest one of St Paul the Apostle, dating from the late fourth century, on the walls of a catacomb beneath Rome

ROME, Italy – Archaeologists and art restorers using new laser technology have discovered what they believe are the oldest paintings of the faces of Jesus Christ's apostles.

The images in a branch of the catacombs of St Tecla near St Paul's Basilica, just outside the walls of ancient Rome, were painted at the end of the 4th century or the start of the 5th century.

Archaeologists believe these images may have been among those that most influenced later artists' depictions of the faces of Christ's most important early followers.

"These are the first images that we know of the faces of these four apostles," said Professor Fabrizio Bisconti, the head of archaeology for Rome's numerous catacombs, which are owned and maintained by the Vatican.

The frescoes were known but their details came to light during a restoration project that started two years ago and whose results were announced recently at a news conference.

The full-face icons include visages of St Peter, St Andrew, and St John, who were among Jesus' original 12 apostles, and St Paul, who became an apostle after Christ's death.

The paintings have the same characteristics as later images, such as St Paul's rugged, wrinkled and elongated forehead and balding head and pointy beard, indicating they may have been the ones which set the standard.

The four circles, about 50 cm in diameter, are on the ceiling of the underground burial place of a noblewoman who is believed to have converted to Christianity at the end of the



4th-5th C icon of St Paul discovered in Santa Tecla catacomb on the Via Ostiense, Rome

same century when the emperor Constantine made it legal.

Bisconti explained that older paintings of the apostles show them in a group, with smaller faces whose details are difficult to distinguish.

"This is a very important discovery in the history of the early Christian communities of Rome," said Bisconti.

The frescoes inside the tomb measuring about 2 by 2 meters were covered with a thick patina of powdery calcium carbonate caused by extreme humidity and no air circulation.

"We took our time to do extensive analysis before deciding what technique to use," said Barbara Mazzei, who headed the project. She explained how she used a laser as an "optical scalpel" to make the calcium carbonate fall off without damaging the paint.

"The laser created a sort of a mini explosion of steam when it interacted with the calcium carbonate to make it detach from the surface," she said.

The result was stunning clarity in the images that were before blurry and opaque.

The wrinkles on St Paul's forehead, for example, are clear and the whiteness of St Peter's beard has re-emerged.

"It was very, very emotional to discover this," said Mazzei.

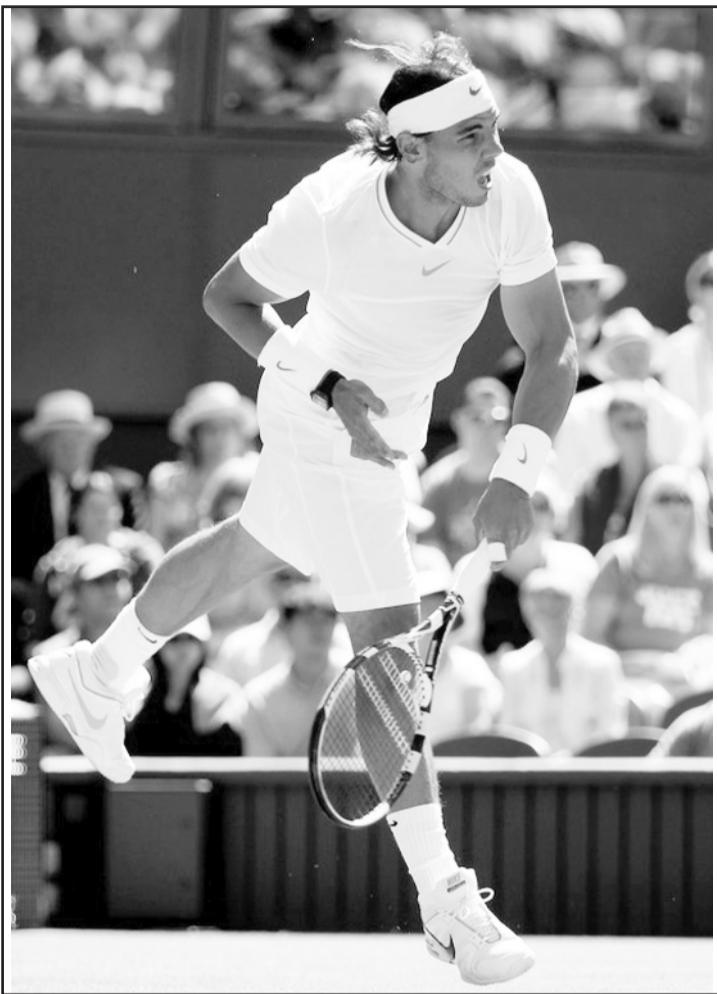
Other scenes from the Bible, such as Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead or Abraham preparing to sacrifice his son Isaac, are now also much clearer and brighter.

"As far as paintings inside catacombs go, we are used to very faint paintings, usually white, with few colors. In the case of the St Tecla catacombs, the great surprise was the extraordinary colors. The more we went forward, the more surprises we found," Mazzei said.

The tomb, in a web of catacombs under a modern building, is not yet open to the public because of continued work, difficult access and limited space. Bisconti said the new discoveries will be made available for viewing by specialists for the time being.

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Nadal, Serena through in double quick time



LONDON - As victories go it was a breeze for Rafael Nadal against Japan's Kei Nishikori in the first round of Wimbledon on Tuesday but it was the Spaniard's ecstatic reaction that told the real story.

After rifling a smash deep into the other side of Centre Court to complete a 6-2 6-4 6-4 win he ripped off his white headband, thumped the net tape with his yellow racket, clenched his fists and looked skywards with his eyes closed.

Two years on from that unforgettable Sunday evening when his swash-buckling tennis floored Roger Federer to win the 2008 title in near darkness, a beaming Nadal could hardly contain himself as the Centre Court crowd rose to salute him.

"I can tell you, I'm very happy how I played today," Nadal, whose aching knees prevented him from being able to defend his title last year, told reporters.

"It's always special to play on this court. "I'm happy to come back to this tournament and play in probably the most beautiful and emblematic court in the world."

Nadal's one blip in a performance full of searing winners was a dropped serve in the third set but he exacted swift retribution to swat aside

the 20-year-old wildcard.

Make no mistake. The 24-year-old, looking sharp, eager and hungry despite a long claycourt grind, is here to reclaim the title that Federer snatched back last year.

As opening salvos go it was emphatic, just as Serena Williams's had been earlier when the defending women's champion beat Portugal's Michelle Larcher de Brito 6-0 6-4 in what she described as her "strawberry and cream outfit".

Williams does not care much for first-round dramas, especially in grand slams where she now has a 43-0 record.

Since debuting at Wimbledon in 1998, the American has only lost one set at the first hurdle and the 28-year-old was dominant again, smacking down 15 aces as the temperatures soared into the high 70s.

She will have a royal audience on Thursday against Russian Anna Chakvetadze when Queen Elizabeth makes her first visit to the All England Club since 1977 and world number one Williams

said she would spend Wednesday perfecting her curtsy.

"I'm definitely going to work on it a little more," said the three-times Wimbledon champion. "I'm trying to tone down my wrist action. But my curtsy is really fun. It's

something that she'll definitely never forget."

Federer will be spared royal etiquette when he plays his second round on Wednesday against Serbia's Ilija Bozoljac.

Then again the Swiss has enough on his plate trying to find some form after being within three points of defeat against unheralded Alejandro Falla in Monday's tortuous opener.

Federer's toils would not have gone unnoticed by Nadal, British fourth seed Andy Murray or French Open runner-up Robin Soderling as they all sauntered through on Day Two.

Murray is the only home player left after another demoralising day for British tennis but the Scot's play during a 7-5 6-1 6-2 defeat of Czech Jan Hajek suggested "Andy-monium" could break out on Henman Hill next week.

Soderling, who could face Nadal in the last eight, dropped just seven games against Robby Ginepri.

Eleven Spanish men were in singles action on Tuesday but apart from Nadal, David Ferrer and Marcel Granollers, the rest all perished. Fernando Verdasco became the highest seed to fall in the men's draw when the No.8 lost to Italy's Fabio Fognini.

A quartet of Italian women reached the second round on Ladies Day with 10th seed Flavia Pennetta continuing the Spain-bashing with a 6-4 6-0 win over Anabel Medina Garrigues. Romina Oprandi ended British hopes in the women's draw, beating teenager Heather Watson 6-4 1-6 6-3.

Third seed Caroline Wozniacki stopped the Italian charge with an impressive 6-1 6-1 defeat of Tathiana Garbin and Maria Sharapova dazzled too, reminding everyone of the power that propelled her to the 2004 title with a 6-1 6-0 thrashing of fellow Russian Anastasia Pivovarova.

Australian Samantha Stosur's stay proved short-lived as the French Open runner-up and sixth seed here was sent packing 6-4 6-4 by Estonia's Kaia Kanepi.

Stosur's defeat meant both French Open finalists had failed to survive the opening round here as Paris champion Francesca Schiavone made a hasty exit on Monday.







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Rangers expected to change bankruptcy plan

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Texas Rangers will have to change its bankruptcy plan—although not the amount paid to creditors—to avoid having it killed by upset creditors, a federal bankruptcy judge said Tuesday.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge D. Michael Lynn said in a written ruling that creditors and team owners were adversely affected by the Rangers' plan to pay creditors \$75 million and sell the club to a group led by Hall of Fame pitcher and team president Nolan Ryan and Pittsburgh attorney Chuck Greenberg.

The ruling allows the team and two groups of creditors to vote on the plan. Because creditors have said they would vote against it, the Rangers are expected to change the plan before a vote happens.

The judge said he was not ordering changes to the plan but took issue with some creditors' rights that were taken away.

"The court concludes that ... (the Rangers) must grant them their rights under their loan documents prospectively. While payment of the \$75,000,000 plus interest will satisfy and discharge debtor's monetary obligations as required by (a bankruptcy code), in order for the plan to be confirmed without the acceptance of the lenders ... the treatment of the lenders must be modified," Lynn wrote.

In a statement, Rangers attorney Mark A. Semer said the team was pleased "that the judge remains committed

to completing the sale of the Rangers expeditiously, and we are confident that necessary changes to the plan can be made to achieve that outcome." He declined to elaborate.

Attorneys for the creditors did not immediately return calls to The Associated Press. A final decision on the plan is expected at a July 9 hearing.

The judge has already ruled that the unsecured creditors in the case were not adversely affected by the Rangers' plan because they would be paid in full, plus interest. Topping the list of the 30 unsecured creditors is New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez (notes), who is owed \$24.9 million in deferred compensation six years after he was traded.

Experts said bankruptcy plans are often changed but this ruling is likely to trigger quick action by the Rangers.

"The judge has opened the door to the lenders voting and thereby killing the plan as it was filed," said Jason T. Rodriguez, a Dallas bankruptcy attorney who is not involved in the case.

The team's \$575 million sale to Greenberg and Ryan's group was announced earlier this year, but has been stalled by creditors' concerns over the financially strapped Hicks Sports Group.

At a hearing last week, creditors argued that the team doesn't just owe \$75 million but is obligated to pay more than \$525 million in loans that team owner Tom Hicks' ownership group defaulted on last year.





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Brazil's Kaka Believes Keita Overreacted

Brazil playmaker Kaka has revealed his disappointment with the reaction of Ivory Coast's Kader Keita following his red card on Saturday evening, but insisted he would be taking the positives out of his subsequent suspension.

"I can see the positive side, which is that I will have another week to work on improving my physical strength," said Kaka, who will miss his side's final group match with Portugal this week..

Kaka was dismissed after

Ivory Coast substitute Kader Keita fell to the floor holding his face after Kaka appeared to elbow him in the chest and the Brazilian revealed he was not happy with the Ivorian's reaction.

"Even my grandmother was angry with the referee," he said.

"It was a perfectly normal incident, unfortunately there was just some over-reaction from the other guy. If I had really lost my temper, I would apologize. But it was just an ordinary incident."

The Real Madrid man

went on to discuss his injury woes this season, revealing his frustration at being unable to reach his peak condition.

"I've had a lot of physical difficulties this season and that was the worst, because I've always led an athlete's life and I know how important it is for a player to be in good physical shape," he continued.

"I wasn't at my best in the game against North Korea, but I played much better against Ivory Coast. It was a relief to play well."

Brazil Legend Pele: Diego Maradona Loves Me Whenever He Needs Me

The war of words between Pele and Argentina coach Diego Maradona is showing no signs of slowing down, with the Brazilian offering the latest jab.

"The whole world knows that Maradona loves me. He adores me," Pele told Lance.

"When his TV show opened in Argentina, he called me. They had a fund-raising party at Boca Juniors and I was there," he continued.

Maradona and Pele, widely regarded as the two greatest footballers of all

time, have long been trading insults and the Brazilian's latest comments come after Maradona suggested he should "go back to the museum" at a press conference last week.

"Maradona loves me," Pele reiterated. "Whenever he has an event that needs attention, he honors me."

Pele also spoke about Luis Fabiano's goal against Ivory Coast, after Maradona suggested that Brazil do anything they can to win games.

"I think it took a bit of both of us," said Pele. "A bit of my head and a hand from Maradona."

Mexicans brace for rematch against Argentina

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Maximiliano Stern is an Argentine working in Mexico, and he has mixed emotions about Sunday's World Cup match between Mexico and Argentina.

Stern, the director of an IT company, was living in Mexico City four years ago when Argentina ousted Mexico from the same round at the World Cup in Germany. He said he was afraid to go out of his house for a week.

This marks the fifth straight time that Mexico has reached the round of 16 at the World Cup. Mexico lost the four previous showdowns, including against Bulgaria, Germany and the United States.

The latest came in the 2006, a 2-1 loss in extra time to Argentina on a soaring volley by Maxi Rodriguez in the 98th minute.

WC Standings

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA	D
Group A						
Uruguay	2	0	7	4	0	1
Mexico	2	0	4	4	1	1
France	0	1	1	1	4	1
South Africa	0	1	1	2	4	1
Group B						
Argentina	3	0	9	7	1	0
Korea Rep.	1	2	3	5	4	0
Greece	1	2	3	2	3	0
Nigeria	0	2	1	3	4	1
Group C						
Slovenia	1	0	4	3	2	1
USA	0	0	2	3	3	2
England	0	0	2	1	1	2
Algeria	0	1	1	0	1	1
Group D						
Ghana	1	0	3	2	1	1
Germany	1	1	3	4	1	0
Serbia	1	1	0	1	1	0
Australia	0	1	0	1	5	1

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA	D
Group E						
Netherlands	2	0	6	3	0	0
Japan	1	1	3	1	0	0
Denmark	1	1	3	2	1	0
Cameroon	0	2	0	0	3	0
Group F						
Paraguay	1	0	4	3	1	1
Italy	0	0	2	2	2	2
N.Zealand	0	0	2	2	2	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	1	3	1
Group G						
Brazil	2	0	6	5	2	0
Portugal	1	0	4	7	0	1
Ivory Coast	0	1	1	1	3	1
Korea DRP	0	2	0	1	9	0
Group H						
Chile	2	0	6	2	0	0
Spain	1	1	3	2	1	0
Switzerland	1	1	3	1	1	0
Honduras	0	2	0	0	3	0



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Uruguay 1, Mexico 0, Mexico 2, France 0, Nigeria 2, N.Korea 2; Argentina 2, Greece 0

France, SAfrica eliminated; Argentina advances



Luis Suarez of Uruguay (C) celebrates with team mates after scoring the opening goal during the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Group A match between Mexico and Uruguay

JOHANNESBURG — France's disastrous World Cup campaign ended in a loss Tuesday, a result that also dragged South Africa out of the tournament and left Uruguay and Mexico with places in the round of 16.

Argentina advanced as expected from Group B later in the day, but it took them most of the game to break through a staunch Greece defense and win 2-0 in Polokwane. South Korea also made the round of 16 by holding Nigeria to a 2-2 draw in Durban.

South Africa beat France 2-1 in Bloemfontein, but the first-half goals from Bongani Khumalo and Katlego Mphela weren't enough to stop the team from becoming the first host to be eliminated from the first round.

In Rustenburg, two-time champion Uruguay defeated Mexico 1-0 and won Group A. Mexico and South Africa each had four points, but the Mexicans advanced on goal difference.

South Africans will be disappointed with the result, but the French will be furious. The 1998 World Cup champion is in disarray.

France was held to a 0-0 draw by Uruguay in its open-

ing match, and then lost to Mexico 2-0. The chaos started shortly thereafter, when striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for refusing to apologize to the coach after insulting him.

Then the players decided to skip a day of practice to protest that decision, further disrupting an already faltering World Cup campaign.

Tuesday's match just added to the negative image most have of France coach Raymond Domenech, who benched captain Patrice Evra for his final match in charge.

"The whole of France needs to have an explanation for this disaster," Evra said. "It's not the time to give them, but I will personally give them ... what I went through, just the truth, as quickly as possible."

Khumalo gave South Africa the lead when he beat Abou Diaby in the 20th minute and scored from Siphiwe Tshabalala's cross. Mphela added a second in the 37th, scoring from Tsepo Masilela's cross.

"The early goal helped a lot," Khumalo said. "I really thought we could pull through."

Both goals came after France was reduced to 10

men in the 25th when Yoann Gourcuff was sent off for elbowing Macbeth Sibaya.

Florent Malouda scored France's only goal of the tournament in the 70th. That goal gave them one more than in 2002, when the then defending champion French were also eliminated in the first round.

Luis Suarez scored Uruguay's goal against Mexico in the 43rd, heading in a cross from Edinson Cavani.

"The important thing is that we qualified in first place," Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said. "They controlled the ball well and in truth it was quite hard for us."

Uruguay didn't concede a goal in the first round.

Martin Demichelis finally gave Argentina the lead in the 77th minute when he headed the ball off teammate Diego Milito and then shot past Greece goalkeeper Alexandros Tzorvas.

Martin Palermo added the second goal in the 89th, knocking in a rebound after Tzorvas saved a shot from Lionel Messi, who served as Argentina's youngest ever captain at 22 years old. Regular captain Javier Mascherano was rested by coach

Diego Maradona, along with several other starters from the first two games.

Lee Jung-soo and Park Chu-young scored the goals for South Korea, which advanced past the first round away from home for the first time.

Lee equalized in the 38th and Park scored in the 49th. Kalu Uche had given the Nigerians the lead in the 12th and Ayegbeni Yakubu leveled in the 69th.

Nigeria, which could have become the first African team to advance at the first World Cup in Africa, missed several easy chances throughout the match.

Also, charges against two Dutch women who had faced prosecution for allegedly taking part in an ambush marketing campaign at a World Cup match were dropped.

South Africa's home affairs minister said that the total of foreign visitors this month had passed 682,000—up from more than 456,000 as of June 13.



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